

# Area Flooding Is Decreasing

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Utah Lake is only two inches below the all-time high reached last year, according to Clyde Naylor, Utah County engineer.

The lake is now at 4494.2 feet above sea level, while Compromise Level is 4489.34. This places the lake water at 4.86 feet above compromise.

Naylor said the lake is not rising very fast at present, however, because of the cooler temperatures.

"We have a good outflow through the Jordan River because of the high peak," he noted.

Cooler weather is slowing the runoff and reducing flood trouble spots around the county.

Spanish Fork River was measured at 3,110 second feet of water this morning, down slightly from the 3,140 measured yesterday at the gauge near Castilla, according to Naylor.

"It's down and still falling," he said.

Naylor does not believe this is an indication the runoff has peaked.

"There's still a lot of snow up there," he said.

Hobble Creek was high last night, but it also appears to be dropping because of the cooler weather.

Naylor said he does not expect trouble from Provo River this year because the drawdown of Deer Creek Reservoir will allow some flood control there.

Highlights of the situation in Central Utah include:

- Some water backing up at Thistle and surrounding some of the homes that stayed on their foundations during last year's flood.
- Crews removed Peays Bridge

at the mouth of Hobble Creek Canyon, when water eroded the abutments and made it unsafe.

- Spanish Fork River was out of its banks and cutting a new channel in the canyon during its peak Tuesday.

- Diamond Fork destroyed the road in one part of the canyon, and flooded farms near the mouth of the canyon.

- High water from Hobble Creek is pushing lake water up into Provo's industrial park near the Timpanogos Golf Course.

- Slate Canyon runoff is being contained in the sandbag "river" constructed by volunteers along 300 South Street in Provo. The Utah Department of Transportation is installing a new bridge over the temporary river at 700 East street.

- Dry Creek runoff near Lehi began Monday night, but slowed because of cooler weather.

- Nephi and Juab County officials both signed disaster emergency declarations, naming the city and the county flood disaster areas.

- The Utah National Guard began ripping the flood-choked hollow near Nephi, as well as raging Salt Creek.

- Nephi City lost access to its landfill six miles east of the city when Salt Creek washed out the road.

- Flood waters from Chicken Creek whipped across Temporary Interstate I-15 and forced officials to close the two-lane highway to traffic.

- Flood waters receded from I-15 near Payson, although land surrounding the freeway remained inundated. The highway flooded Monday after mudslides created a dam in Payson Canyon that later broke, sending torrents of water downstream.



Tuesday night Provo residents built the sandbag banks ever higher in preparation for increased water running along 300 South.

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## Doctor Says Banker's Death May Not Have Been Accident

**LONDON (UPI)** — A doctor told a London inquest panel that an English banker should not be ruled out in the death of an English banker who claimed he had uncovered a plot in the British Embassy in Moscow.

Final testimony was scheduled today in the three-day investigation into banker Dennis Skinner's death, which Moscow officials claim was caused by his fall from the 11th story of a Moscow apartment building last June 17.

Two days before his death Skinner told a neighbor in the Russian capital he feared for his life.

A pathologist Tuesday told the inquest Skinner's injuries were not inconsistent with a fall.

But Dr. Rufus Crompton said injuries both at the front and the back of the body were not explained by one primary impact, saying they seemed too severe to have been caused by the body bouncing.

However, a report by Moscow's public prosecutor, read to the court, said the case was closed because "death did not come as a result of criminal action."

Skinner's Russian-born wife Ludmilla, 39, who moved to England in 1981, said her husband had contacts with British intelligence as well as the Soviet security agency.

She said he maintained contacts with a Soviet agent, "Alec," since

1970 when the KGB contacted her to set up a meeting with Skinner, who was representing a computer company at a time the Soviets were trying to circumvent Western restrictions on exports of advanced technology.

She said Skinner's last telephone call to her 72 hours before his death was "a perfectly normal, usual conversation."

But she said in a previous call on May 25, Skinner became agitated when told she had narrowly escaped an auto accident and had received obscene phone calls.

She said he told her, "You don't understand — we have a terrible enemy" and mentioned the name of a British businessman

## Two Marcos Ministers Concede Defeat in Philippine Elections

**MANILA, Philippines (UPI)** — A Cabinet minister and a deputy minister in the government of President Ferdinand Marcos today conceded defeat in the face of dramatic gains opposition parties apparently scored in crucial parliamentary elections.

The 66-year-old Marcos, however, said in an interview with

U.S. television networks Tuesday "the majority party won 138 or 140 of the 183 seats in the National Assembly, take one or two either way."

The government Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in Manila has not issued official results but called a news conference this afternoon.

The official Philippine News Agency (PNA), however, announced that two candidates of the ruling KBL (New Society Movement) — including Marcos' daughter, Imee Marcos-Manotoc — and one member of the opposition had been proclaimed winners.

## Salvador Refuses Recount

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI)** — The Central Election Council rejected a request by ultra-rightist Roberto d'Aubuisson

Roberto Meza, vice president of the five-member election council, said, "The majority decided that the petition by the Nationalist Republican Alliance was invalid."

Duarte, a moderate Christian Democrat, was declared the winner last Friday by the elections council with 54 percent of the vote compared to



Mr. and Mrs. Harley Damon of Stow, Ohio, are elated to hear of release of their daughter, Mary, and her husband, Stanley Allen.

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